

nine Representatives be appointed to arrange for and superintend the funeral ceremonies of the Hon. Louis Frankee, late a member of the House of Representatives from the county of Fayette, this day at 3 o'clock.

On motion of Senator Shelley, the resolution was taken up and adopted by the Senate, and the President appointed the following committee, to-wit: Senators Sayers, Shelley, Tendick, Finlay and Franks.

On motion of Senator Sayers, Senator Baker was granted leave of absence until next Thursday.

On motion of Senator Avinger, Senator Latimer was granted leave of absence for twelve days.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the Senate adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; no quorum present.

On motion of Senator Swift, the Senate took a recess for fifteen minutes.

Recess expired. Senate met; quorum present.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, Senator Sayers was granted leave of absence until next Friday.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House was ready to proceed with the funeral ceremonies of the Hon. Louis Frankee, late member of the House of Representatives from Fayette county.

On motion of Senator Shelley, the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 22, 1873.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Senator Sayers introduced a joint resolution, authorizing the Governor to offer a reward of five thousand dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the murderers of the Hon. Louis Frankee, late member of the House of Representatives from Fayette county.

On motion of Senator Flanagan, the rules were suspended in order to consider the resolution.

The resolution was read second time; rules further suspended, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Broughton, Cole, Dillard, Do-honey, Ford, Finlay, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Henry, King, Randle, Sayers, Swift, Tendick, Tracy, Word and Mr. President—20.

The following communication from the mayor of Houston was taken from the President's desk and read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY OF HOUSTON, }
February 18, 1873. }

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate, Austin, Texas:

SIR: I have the honor to present a resolution of the common council of the city of Houston, tendering the hospitality of this city to his Excellency the Governor, the heads of departments, judges of the Supreme Court, and members and officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State Legislature, on their return from the festivities at Galveston.

Your acceptance of the same is respectfully solicited.

Should the desires of the people of this city to do honor to the State authorities be met by the acceptance of this invitation, I would respectfully ask to be informed on what day, after the conclusion of the festivities at Galveston, they will visit Houston.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. H. SCANLAN, Mayor.

Resolved, by the mayor and board of aldermen of the city of Houston, in council assembled, That his Excellency the Governor, the heads of departments, the judges of the Supreme Court, and the members and officers of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State Legislature, be respectfully invited to accept the hospitalities of the city of Houston, upon their return from the festivities at Galveston.

Resolved, That the mayor communicate this resolution to the Governor, heads of departments, judges of Supreme Court, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, soliciting an acceptance of the invitation.

Passed February 18, 1873.

T. H. SCANLAN, Mayor.

W. A. DALY, Secretary and Treasurer.

Senator Tracy then offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Senate accept the invitation extended by the authorities of Houston, to partake of the hospitalities of that city, and designate Wednesday, February 26, 5 o'clock P. M., as the time of arrival, and that the mayor of Houston be notified of this acceptance.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills submitted the following report:

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined Senate bill No. 98, "An act to incorporate the town of Weatherford," and find it correctly engrossed.

HENRY C. KING, for Committee.

On motion of Senator Dohoney, the Senate went into executive session.

The executive session having arisen, Senator Fountain offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the secretary be directed to notify his Excellency the Governor that the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Robert H. Taylor as Judge of the Eighth Judicial District, and that the Senate does advise and consent to the appointment of Peter Royal as Director of the State Penitentiary.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed Senate joint resolution No. 18, authorizing the Governor to offer a reward of \$5000 for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer of Hon. Louis Frankee, and making an appropriation therefor.

Senator King offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the joint select committee appointed to investigate charges against T. C. Barden, Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District, be authorized to employ a clerk.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House was ready to meet the Senate in joint session for the purpose of electing a public printer, whereupon the Senate proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives.

The President was invited to a seat on the right of the Speaker, and Senators to seats prepared for them.

Roll called ; quorum present.

The two houses in joint session then proceeded to the election of public printer.

Nominations being in order, Senator Dohoney nominated, on the part of the Senate, John Cardwell, of the *Statesman*.

Senator Broughton nominated W. Richardson, of the *News*.

The Secretary of the Senate then called the roll, when the following Senators voted for Mr. Cardwell: Avinger, Ball, Dohoney, Finlay, King, Sayers, Shelley, Swift and Mr. President—9.

Those voting for Mr. Richardson were: Senators Broughton, Cole, Dillard, Ford, Flanagan, Fountain, Gaines, Henry, Tendick and Tracy—10.

Senator Word voted for Mr. Elliott.

Upon casting up the vote of the House, it appeared that Mr. Cardwell had received 57 votes ; Mr. Richardson 8 votes ; Mr. Quick 3 votes ; Mr. Brick Pomeroy 1 vote ; and Dan McGary 1 vote.

Upon telling the joint vote, it appeared that Mr. Cardwell had received 66 votes ; Mr. Richardson 18 votes ; Mr. Elliott 1 vote ; Mr. Quick 3 votes ; Brick Pomeroy 1 vote ; and Dan McGary 1 vote.

Mr Cardwell having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared by the presiding officer of the joint session duly and constitutionally elected State Printer.

On motion of Senator Shelley, the Senate then retired to its chamber.

On motion of Senator Fountain, the Secretary of the Senate was instructed to spread the proceedings of the joint session on the journals of the Senate.

On motion the Senate adjourned to 7 o'clock, A. M. next Thursday.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 27, 1873. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Senator Word in the chair. Roll called.